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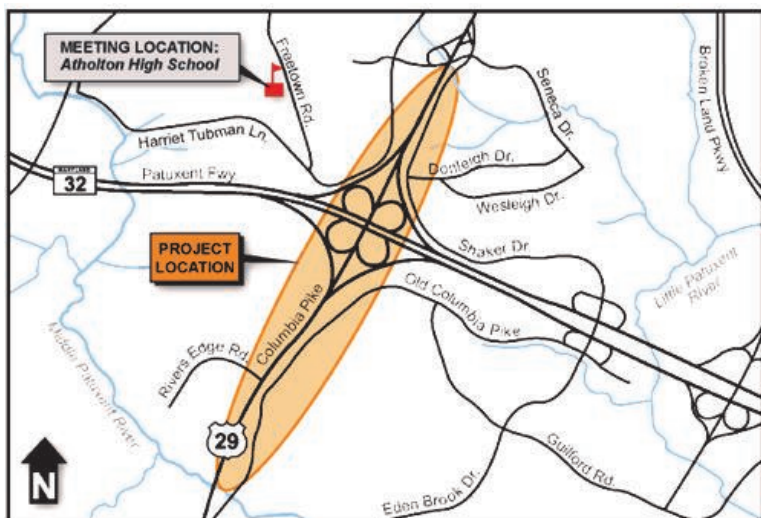
Community *notes*

SHA Informational Public Meeting

The Informational Public Meeting will be held on November 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Atholton High School will present to the communities the interchange options that have been evaluated for the intersection of Rivers Edge Road and US 29 (Columbia Pike).

SHA representatives will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative, address the potential environmental and right-of-way impacts associated with those alternatives, and explain traffic operations during construction.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be a formal presentation lasting thirty minutes. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.



Greeting

It looks like the sun will shine on Friday and Saturday, making it a perfect time to visit some of our farmers markets, have pre-Halloween fun and enjoy football games. Have a great time!

Mary Kay

HoCoPoLitSo

Plan to attend *Poetry in Action* with E. Ethelbert Miller on Friday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Horowitz Performing Arts Center. This event is free and open to the public. For more information and to make your reservation please visit [here](#).



Kids Connex

KidsConnex is an educational program for children and teens that provides a sense of hope and practical guidelines for kids. This two-hour program is designed especially for kids.

KidsConnex helps children and teens begin to address their feelings, how to cope with changes in their lives, how to communicate with parents and how to establish their own age appropriate goals. Through activities, music and discussion, children and teens find a friendly and caring environment to get support for themselves.

The next class takes place on Monday, November 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. at the National Family Resiliency Center in Columbia.

Advance registration is required. Please call 410-740-9553.

The Math of Architecture and the Architecture of Math

Co-sponsored by the Howard County Library System, Howard Community College, Howard County Public School System, Leadership Howard County, Columbia Festival of the Arts and ManneqArt – Math of Architecture and Architecture of Math explores emotionally charged placemaking, from the brilliant perspectives of Bill Zahner and Joni Newkirk, both of whom share quantitative expertise to deliver highly qualitative experiences.

This event will take place on Tuesday, November 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Smith Theatre.

Bernice Kish Gallery

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, Maryland, will be announcing a group exhibit in the galleries for October through December 2015. Members of the Baltimore Watercolor Society will show their work in the Lobby and Bill White Room Gallery. The exhibit will run from October 29 – December 12, 2015.



There will be a reception on Sunday, November 1, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments and music will be provided. For more information call 410-730-3987 or 301-596-4883.

GALLERY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

Titus Andronicus

Four centuries before *Game of Thrones* and *Pulp Fiction*, Shakespeare wrote the wickedly entertaining ***Titus Andronicus***.

One of Shakespeare's earliest box office hits, its energy, experimentation, and violence make the play resonate with modern audiences.

Director Ian Gallanar's production of ***Titus Andronicus*** is inspired by the edgy films of Quentin Tarantino. Set in late 20th century America with original music and a live band, this production is a rock-and-roll thriller.

Don't miss out purchase your tickets [now](#). Showing begins October 23 and runs through November 15.

Performances:

Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

Matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

We're Listening To Your Opinions

Many have said they would love to make suggestions about Columbia Festival events. Here's a chance to share your thoughts.



Columbia Festival of the Arts is considering bringing back Classic Albums Live. They'd love to know which of the classic 20+ Albums they perform you would most enjoy!

If you've not already done so, please take the BRIEF online survey to share your opinion and album choices! Click [here](#) to take the survey.

Medicare Scams

During open enrollment, crooks try to trick people who don't know how to sign up or are confused about the medical coverage that is best for them.

PROTECT YOURSELF!

- Medicare and health exchanges will not phone you about your benefits.
- Don't trust Caller ID. Crooks can make your Caller ID say what they want.
- Don't give personal information to a caller you don't know. Identity thieves use personal information to steal your money, credit and benefits.
- Beware of emails which can be made to look like they are from Medicare or ACA health exchange. Verify the sender of any email that asks for personal information before responding.
- There is no such thing as an Affordable Care Act or Obamacare card.
- You do not have to pay money to receive or update your Medicare card.
- New Medicare cards without social security numbers will be issued to current Medicare beneficiaries in eight years. In four years all new Medicare beneficiaries will be issued Medicare cards without social security numbers.

GET INFORMED!

For Consumer Information or Assistance - Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA). Call 410-313-6420 or visit the website at: www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer

For Medicare - Visit Medicare at www.Medicare.gov. In Howard County, contact SHIP: Call 410-313-7392 or visit the website at www.howardcountyaging.org/ship

For ACA health insurance exchanges - In Maryland, visit the Maryland Health Connection at www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call 1-855-642-8572. In Howard County, call Healthy Howard at 410-988-3737 or visit www.healthyhowardmd.org.

Drivers Safety Tip

Drivers can receive a ticket with a \$70 fine and one point for writing, sending or reading a text or electronic message while driving. That fine may increase to \$110 and three points if use of the device contributes to a crash. Drivers also face fines for using a handheld cell phone while driving up to \$160.



Haunted HoCo

Wilde Halloween

Purchase your tickets today for the annual Wilde Halloween Event at Slayton House on October 23 at 4:30 p.m. Bob Brown Puppets will present "Monster Merriment", followed by trick or treating around the village center. Wear your costume! Tickets are \$5 and are available at Slayton House.

Kiddie Halloween Hay Rides

Family fun at the Howard County Farm Heritage Museum! Take a hay ride through corn fields, get off and walk through the corn trail while being greeted by friendly storybook characters who hand out candy to all the little children and grown-ups. Finish up by getting back on the ride and returning to the starting area where there are plenty of games and fun things to do.

This event takes place on Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults are free and children under 12 are \$5.00. For more information, click [here](#).

The Boo Barn at [Larriland Farm](#)

The Boo Barn is for children ages 4 – 6. It is a dark passage in the bottom of the Red Barn and is filled with animated, not too scary ghosts and goblins. The Boo Barn is open every day the farm is open in October.

Halloween, Dinosaurs & Gem Mining at [Clark's Elioak Farm](#)

Enjoy Costume Parades on Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Visit the Dinosaurs in the Enchanted Pine Tree Forest and find gemstones & minerals at the flume. Come dressed as your favorite dinosaur.

Admission to Clark's Elioak Farm: \$6.00 per person
Additional admission to visit The Enchanted Dinosaur Forest: \$5.00 per person
Combination Ticket for both the Farm and the Dinosaur Forest is \$10.00

Are you looking for Halloween fun for the grown-ups? If so, check out the list of events presented by [Howard County Tourism's webpage](#). There are plenty of ideas and parties to celebrate the *spooky season*.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's annual "Living the Dream" Award

Do you know an individual and organization (community, civic or religious) that has promoted the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through community involvement in Howard County?

If so, nominate them today for Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's annual "Living the Dream" Award.

Deadline to submit your nomination is Friday, November 13. For eligibility requirements and a nomination form, visit the Commission's [webpage](#) or contact the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6430.

Cash prize of \$300 and the award will be presented to the winner at the Commission's 31st Annual Celebration on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Howard Community College's Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center, Smith Theatre in Columbia.

Reminders

MDOT CTP Tour

The Maryland Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Friday, October 23 for its annual update to the Consolidated Transportation Program. This meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Community Planning Presentation

Join CA and Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. as they host speaker Don Elliott, FAICP who will discuss modern zoning codes address development and change in maturing large planned communities. Elliott is a Director with Clarion Associates, a national land use consulting firm based in Denver. Registration is appreciated, click [here](#) to register.

Visit Columbia Archives in Their New Space

Columbia Association is having an open house at its new headquarters at 6310 Hillside Court on Saturday, October 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Columbia Archives will be showing off its new space and showcasing treasures from the collection.



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